

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraph spanning lines 9-15 of page 5 and insert the following therefor:

Also useful is a protein which has an amino acid sequence derived from the amino acid sequence shown in Table 1 (SEQ ID NOs:39 and 46) by substitution, deletion or addition of one or more amino acids, and examples thereof include hG-CSF derivatives shown in Table 2 and described in Japanese published Unexamined Patent Application No. 267299/88, Japanese Published Unexamined Patent application No. 299/88, and Japanese Published Unexamined International Patent Application No. 500636/88.

Insert the attached Sequence Listing in place of the Sequence Listing filed October 6, 2000.